

The income level is improving continuously, which also adds to the economic picture of the future. As was noted, numerous sides of the economic force of the community depend upon this income in that food, clothing, shelter, transportation and other goods and services will be provided either from within the Maiden area or from somewhere else -- depending upon how well those involved in these areas provide these needs locally.

Thus, the economic future of Maiden appears favorable, but not without some reservations. With the interest and enthusiasm of its citizens and leaders, however, these reservations can surely be minimized and the "Maiden, Town with a Future", can anxiously look forward

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

If this study is to be of value to Maiden and its citizens, there are lessons to be learned from the past population and economic situations and steps to be taken to change these things to make them better in the Maiden of the future.

The following problems were noted and deserve attention:

POPULATION

- Since 1940, Maiden has continued to grow, but at a rate considerably less than the remainder of Catawba County or North Carolina.